

CLAIMS

13 ~~1~~ A soft capsule formulation comprising:
an oily solution of an active vitamin D₃; and
a soft capsule shell which contains a white pigment
and yellow iron oxide and/or red iron oxide and
encapsulates said oily solution of an active vitamin D₃.

2. A soft capsule formulation comprising:
an oily solution of an active vitamin D₃; and
a soft capsule shell which contains a white pigment
and caramel and encapsulates said oily solution of active
vitamin D₃.

3. The capsule formulation of Claim 1 or 2 wherein the
white pigment is titanium oxide.

4. The soft capsule formulation of any one of Claims 1
to 3 wherein the base for the oily solution is at least one
selected from fatty acid glycerides, propylene glycol fatty
acid diesters, triacetin, polyethylene glycols and
vegetable oils.

5. The soft capsule formulation of Claim 4 wherein the
base for the oily solution comprises a fatty acid glyceride.

6. The soft capsule formulation of any one of Claims 1
to 5 wherein the active vitamin D₃ is selected from 1 α -
hydroxyvitamin D₃, 24-hydroxyvitamin D₃, 25-hydroxyvitamin
D₃, 1 α ,24-dihydroxyvitamin D₃, 1 α ,25-dihydroxyvitamin D₃,
1 α ,24,25-trihydroxyvitamin D₃, 22-oxa-1 α ,25-
dihydroxyvitamin D₃ and 2 β -(3-hydroxypropyloxy)-1 α ,25-
dihydroxyvitamin D₃.